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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING
REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Requirements mailed March 9, 2006, in the above-referenced application enclosed are the following documents:

1. Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements;
2. Declaration and Power of Attorney; and
3. A check in the amount of \$130 for the late filing of the Declaration (Fee Code 0711).

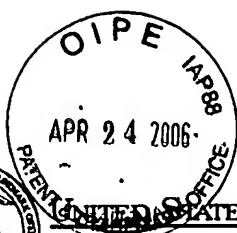
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 50-0540**. A duplicate copy of this Authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/17/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 06/17/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 06/17/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 06/17/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 06/17/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 06/17/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
 - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$230** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Surcharge.

Additionally the following defects have been observed:

- The International Search Report has not be supplied, the Search Fee has been adjusted to reflect this omission.
- The application search fee is insufficient. Applicant must submit \$100 to complete the search fee. Note a surcharge will be required if submitted later than commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)) and the basic national fee was not paid before July 1, 2005.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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